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R 081826Z AUG 77  
FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO USINT BAGHDAD  
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN  
AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
AMCONSUL KARACHI  
AMEMBASSY ATHENS

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BAGHDAD FOR PRIN. OFFICER; DAMASCUS, TEHRAN, AMMAN FOR RSOS;

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: SECURITY COVERAGE BAGHDAD

REF: A) BAGHDAD 1244 (NOTAL)  
B) TEHRAN 6719 (NOTAL)

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KARACHI FOR RSS, RCO, ATHENS FOR TSO

1. IN CONSIDERATION OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES (REFTEL A)  
AND IRAQI VISA COMPLICATIONS (REFTEL B), A/SY DESIRES RSO  
AMMAN ASSUME FUTURE PROFESSIONAL SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE USINT BAGHDAD. WHILE RECOGNIZED THAT IRAQI RELA-  
TIONS WITH MOST ARAB BLOC COUNTRIES ARE STRAINED, NEA/ARN

CONCURS AMMAN MOST SUITABLE CHOICE TO COVER BAGHDAD. AIR-  
LINE SCHEDULING IS EXCELLENT AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS  
DO NOT APPEAR TO BE SERIOUS HINDRANCE.

2. RSOS TEHRAN WILL RETAIN SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR  
THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TEHRAN AND CONSULATES ISFAHAN, TABRIZ  
AND SHIRAZ. INTEND TO TRANSFER BAGHDAD TECHNICAL SECURITY  
SUPPORT FROM TEHRAN TO ATHENS. WOULD APPRECIATE TSO ATHENS  
COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE.

3. IN VIEW REFTTEL A), RSO DAMASCUS SHOULD CANCEL PLANS FOR  
AUGUST VISIT TO BAGHDAD.

4. RSO AMMAN SHOULD PLAN INITIAL VISIT USINT BAGHDAD IN  
SEPTEMBER, SOON AFTER NEWLY-ASSIGNED PRINCIPAL OFFICER AR-  
RIVES. REQUEST BAGHDAD SUGGEST TIMING AT LATER DATE.

5. FOR KARACHI: RSS INVOLVED IN PREVIOUS DELIBERATIONS  
REGARDING APPROPRIATE RSO COVERAGE FOR BAGHDAD. AS RSS  
AWARE, OTHER POSSIBLE CANDIDATES (RSOS KUWAIT AND JIDDA)  
ARE CHARGED WITH MULTI-POST RESPONSIBILITIES NOT TO MENTION  
GOK AND SAG POLITICAL/IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES WITH IRAQ.  
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